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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Mike Rice, Chair – Linda Rosenberg, Vice-Chair

Education/Research Subcommittee

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Monday, March 17, 2014

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imperial Counties
Green, R.N., Katy – District 1
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Agency Representatives

Allington, R.N., Linda – City of Carlsbad
Davis, Mike – S.D. County Fire Chiefs
Jensen, Anne – City of San Diego
Price, Mike – S.D. County Fire Chief's Association
Vilke, M.D., Gary – Carlsbad Fire
Yates, Judith – Hospital Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Workman, R.N., Deborah – Palomar Community College

County Staff

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, EMCC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16, 2014

A motion was made by Katy Green, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the January 16, 2014 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) PILOT “PROJECTED” TIMELINE

- A. Review current/updated timeline.
 - 1. The State EMS Authority Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHDP) final approval of projects has moved from April to June 2014.
 - 2. Regional Core & Local Training classes were originally contemplated to take place between June and August has caused concerns with scheduled vacation time and availability of Community Colleges Training facilities.
 - 3. A contract between UCLA and the California Healthcare Foundation is not expected to be finalized until mid-March, for the delivery and coordination of the Core Curriculum.
 - 4. The data definitions workgroup is working through the challenges of gathering cost data.
 - 5. The core and local curriculum training has been moved from August to November of 2014 with an anticipated operational implementation date of January 2015.
 - 6. Lou Meyers, project coordinator for Community Paramedicine with the State EMS Authority will give an update to the EMS Commission during the meeting on March 19, 2014.
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V. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE READINESS REPORT

- A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan
 - 1. Review of the EMCC by-laws and the decision to have the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee as the CP Advisory Committee.
 - 2. Organizations, agencies and members represented at the EMCC Advisory Committee to provide the required oversight.
 - 3. Proposed protocols and curriculums for the paramedics for each project. Alternate Destination Curriculum proposed is for 8 to 16 hours.
- B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan
 - 1. The roles and responsibilities of the organizations and agencies of the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee.
- C. Local Treatment Protocols
 - 1. Protocol/policy review will be conducted as well as testing for retention.
 - 2. Determine the safest population to start with.
 - 3. Have the Base Station Physician’s Committee (BSPC) review the treatment protocols for additional input.

- D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan.
 - 1. Teaching curriculum for EMT's and Paramedics.
 - 2. Alternate destination component.
 - 3. Education process, internal training and outside agency testing.
- E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
 - 1. Projects are currently at the State level for public comments. Public comment day is April 9, 2014; May 12th is the public hearing.
 - 2. Carlsbad has conducted a gap assessment. Industry leaders from businesses, healthcare, finance and education had a positive attitude towards the project. The foundation of what the paramedics could deliver in the field in the community was optimistic.
- F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement
 - 1. Marcy Metz presented information on Community Paramedicine to the SANDAG public safety committee. Questions asked were related to finance and risk. There was a request for a follow-up presentation in September and an invitation for the pilot projects to present information regarding data and how it will impact the cities and hospitals.
 - 2. Address concerns for field care, decision making and medications to the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and nursing agencies. Also, political, union obstacles, labor and questions of patient quality, safety and scope of practice (CNA).
- G. Informed Consent
 - 1. A uniform consent form is suggested for all the sites. City of San Diego has a consent form ready.

VI. PROJECT REPORTS

- A. Carlsbad Fire Project
 - 1. Protocols and the teaching curriculum for the paramedics are being worked on as well as County compliance process for alternate destination.
 - 2. The State is working on a case definition for data standardization.
 - 3. Information is needed for reports regarding the Advisory Committee by-laws, members and participants.
- B. San Diego City Project
 - 1. Applications for permits have been received.
 - 2. Training will start locally during May and June so they will have the basic context before state training.
 - 3. There are 15 applicants, 10 interviews will begin in the next week or two. There will be 4 medics and 2 alternates.
 - 4. Aspects of the State curriculum document were used for a framework to address curriculum at the local level in addition to their own items. A social worker from Father Joe Village is assisting with the document. Chris Kahn, M. D. will help write curriculum and protocols.
 - 5. The data collection period was extended and starts April 1, 2014.
 - 6. The San Diego City Project has worked with Project 25 and is currently working on a cost assessment for City of San Diego population.

VII. TECHNICAL ADVISORS

Participation eligibility decision would come from the Primary Care Physicians group. Debbie Workman of Palomar Community College and Linda Allington from the City of Carlsbad has discussed continuing education and final testing.

VIII. FUTURE ITEMS

Provide community awareness and decide who the stakeholders, leaders and spokespersons are.

Enrollment of care:

- Insurance based enrollment of care and using the patient's medical home.
- Providing and enrolling those who are eligible in care such as Medicare/Medi-cal and managed care. Individuals and the homeless who are Medicare/Medi-cal dual eligible are often high users.

Development of a media strategy:

- Wait for the appropriate time as the projects are currently in the planning stages.
- Positive PR is already used by the City of S.D. for their RAP program.

IX. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am. Next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2014.

Submitted by
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County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services